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Dear Citizen,

I am pleased to present you with proposed revisions to the Solid Waste Management Facility Regulations for your review and comment. The regulations are available on DEP's website at:

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/bwp/dswm/dswmpubs.htm#regs> Numerous changes are being proposed to the Solid Waste Regulations that include:

- More stringent double liner requirements for new or expanding landfills
- Completely revised Beneficial Use Determination (BUD) regulations that will provide a more tailored application and review process for different categories of beneficial use
- New waste bans that target materials found in construction and demolition waste, including asphalt, brick, concrete, metal and wood
- Elimination of the ash monofill requirement which will allow ash and trash to be co-mingled in lined landfills
- Streamlining the regulations by elimination of old, out of date transition requirements

I believe that these revisions to the Solid Waste Regulations will result in better protection of public health, safety and the environment while also encouraging beneficial uses of secondary materials and recycling of specific construction and demolition waste streams.

If you have questions about the public hearing schedule or wish to submit comments on the draft regulations, which may be submitted until July 16, 2004, please direct them to:

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Sincerely,

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